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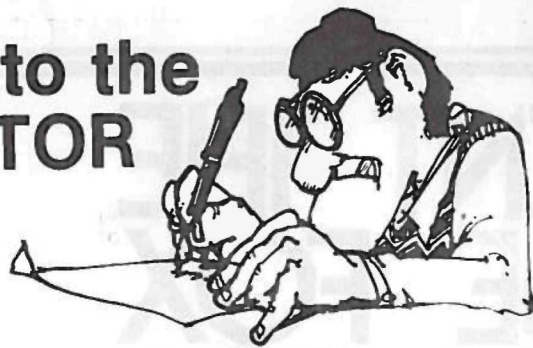
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LETTERS to the EDITOR



To the Editor,

If the greatest heresy of the Evangelical church today is its lack of concern for the demands of discipleship, then can we not say that this applies (although to a seemingly lesser degree) to the Evangelical college as well? The forward of the 1974 George Fox College catalog states that a "liberal arts education stresses liberation from ignorance, provincialism, and materialism." Yes! But must we not also stress Christian discipleship - a "costly grace?"

A true and costly discipleship will see the necessity to engage in sharing the love of Christ in social and community life.

Reflecting back on my stay of brief duration at George Fox, my foremost regret is my complacent attitude and non-involvement in the affairs of the Newberg community. The George Fox tradition (both corporately and individually), sadly to say, is withdrawal, non-interest, and nearly dogmatic negativism toward any social and communal participation. Overstated? - I think not! Through our overt exclusion into a comfortable little microcosm, not only have numerous opportunities been lost to share our faith, but we have violated an essential and most important aspect of the Gospel.

It is my belief that last school year, many students felt the need to become involved (in different ways) in the affairs of the immediate community and state as well. This feeling, inward and spiritual grew out of introspection of our lives as individuals. The topic's of "involvement" and "reaching out" surfaced periodically but never developed. It is my

challenge to the George Fox "family" to start a fresh, new venture of participation in the world around us. It is due time to follow a truly Quaker tradition and create George Fox corporate and individual programs on the church, city, and state levels - all of which seek to follow the leadings of the Spirit.

In closing, I ask but one question: "Will the fleet attempt to move?"

Mark G. Raz
transient student

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A confident raft gang poses before the annual George Fox College raft race.

FRANKLY SPEAKING... by phil frank



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This issue of the Crescent was delayed one week due to the absence of Daniel Smith and Bruce Timmons during the Wheaton College writers conference, held the weekend of the 19th. Sorry about that, folks.

Ron Mock

The Truth Will Set You Free

(if applied according to directions)

Recent events here in Oregon point out why this is going to be such a big problem here. The blowing up of electrical transmission towers in the Portland area has many of the earmarks of political terrorism, including ones that haven't been mentioned yet: it is a well-planned attack that affects a lot of the Portland community, but that most of all defies apprehension.

Present crime-control methods are not adequate to solve the problem. In fact, terrorism is spreading despite the (presumably) best efforts of our nation's police force. Society is too complex and too dependent on too many hard-to-protect things for the police to be able to stop effective terrorism.

Up until now concern about our helplessness in the face of terrorism has not been great. But America must deal with the problem now. Too many experts are coming to believe that it is just a matter of time before some terrorist group gets a hold of some plutonium. Plutonium is used to make nuclear bombs. A small amount of plutonium can poison a whole city's water supply.

America seems to have but two choices. First, we could let things go as they are now, and wait helplessly and hopelessly for terrorists to tear our country apart like some banana republic. Or we could clamp down on everything and everyone like some fascist state.

Neither road leads to freedom. And neither road would solve any of the problems that cause terrorism.

So why am I writing this article?

First of all, we must be brought around to face the fact that terrorism, if unchecked, will affect us all.

Second, we will probably be some part of the decision making process about what to do with terrorism. It is up to us whether we come to be a passive part of the process, hastening some decision by our own inaction; or whether we are a positive part of the solution however we can be so.

But most important, we as Christians hold the key, perhaps to our shame the secret key, that has not yet been applied to this situation. We have the example of Christ to live by, and the historical lesson that whenever Christ's example has been faithfully and simply applied, healing has resulted.

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So far it appears that no one has recognized this. Certainly the terrorists, despite many legitimate complaints they have, are not applying Christ's living example. And just as certainly the police, varying from extreme ruthlessness to extreme permissiveness, seem to know nothing of Jesus and his teachings.

It is time someone began applying the example of Jesus to thinking about this problem. It is past time that all Christians everywhere turned their thoughts, and their faith, to combatting the world's problem of terrorism; even more important, to the basic problems behind terrorism: overpopulation, lack of sources of energy, hunger, arrogance, apathy and hate.



Bicycle Repair!

We've been hearing about terrorism for some time. Even a couple of years ago, any one of us could have defined the word "terrorist": someone who plants bombs in government buildings, shoots people in hotels or airports, kidnaps prominent persons for ransom, or assassinates national leaders to gain a political end.

Until two or three years ago, we usually thought of terrorism as something that goes on in banana republics or the Middle East. It was a device used by uncivilized, poorly educated, underfed people against their uncivilized, poorly educated and underfed countrymen. It was a Communist-inspired tactic used only in backward countries.

Then the shock of Munich, of the various political hijackings, and the kidnapping of American diplomats taught us that terrorism could happen anywhere that political systems

were unstable. Our concept of the range of terrorist activities expanded to include peoples we considered our "cultural equals."

But we still didn't conceive of political terrorism here in America. Sure, we had our bombings and our hijackings. But they were sporadic at best, and usually motivated by personal greed.

Recently America has experienced its first real wave of strong, well-organized terrorist groups. Events like the Hearst kidnapping, the Rasco, Washington bombing, and the "alpha-bet" bombing in Los Angeles seem to point to the existence of several well organized underground groups. Finally America has to face the problem that has already hit most of the rest of the world: systematic terrorism.

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EARTH NEWS

COLLEGE ERECTS GIANT TENT: Officials at Southern California's La Verne College figure that they've saved themselves about \$5.5 million on their latest expansion project. That's because instead of building an \$8 million building, they simply erected a \$2.5 million tent to house the student government offices, some classrooms and a basketball court.

The tent, which covers an acre-and-a-half of a former football field, is made of 8000-square yards of Teflon-coated fiberglass, the roof is supported by cables attached to water-filled columns.

EARTH NEWS
(Credit: College Press Service, Denver Colo.)

1980 OLYMPICS IN MOSCOW? It looks as though the 1980 Olympics games will go to Moscow. The International Olympics Committee will meet this week in Vienna to make a final decision, but the only two real contenders are Moscow and Los Angeles. And, since the 1976 Olympics will be in Montreal, it's assumed that the 1980 Olympics will naturally go to Europe - meaning Moscow.

According to the Christian Science Monitor, the Soviets have already agreed to allow all journalists into the country to cover the events. They've also promised to build a new 50,000-seat stadium, in addition to the 59 other stadiums already in Moscow. Officials have also promised to build new hotels and a special Olympics radio and TV facility. They've also assured Olympics officials that there will be no discrimination against any nation, including Israel.

In the words of the Soviet official responsible for bringing the Olympics to Moscow, the selection of the city "would symbolize for the Soviet people a practical implementation of the Leninist principles of peaceful co-existence of states with different social and political systems."

EARTH NEWS

"AMERICAN GRAFFITI" RERUNS FOR REAL: One of the funniest scenes in the movie "American Graffiti" was re-enacted for real in an incident last week in San Francisco, and ironically, the incident occurred at Mel's Drive-In, where much of the movie was filmed.

A San Francisco motorcycle cop reported that an unusual amount of commotion was going on at the popular drive-in hamburger stand on Thursday evening. When he pulled in to investigate, he found a full-scale party underway, featuring 1950-style teenagers in black leather jackets and ducktail hairstyles dancing to a 1950s rock-and-roll band.

According to the officer, two teenagers engaged him in conversation for a few minutes and then jumped in their car and raced off. The cop says he jumped on his motorcycle to give chase, but got only about 12-feet when the cycle stopped dead in its tracks, propelling him over the handlebars in an ungraceful swan dive. It seems someone had chained the cycle to a cement post, just like in the movie when teenagers pulled the same prank with a squad car.

Said the slightly bruised cop, "I thought it was pretty funny in the movie, but that was a squad car, not a bike. I might have been hurt."

EARTH NEWS

Portland ?!

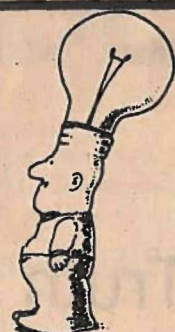


ARMY PREPARES TO TAKE OVER CITIES: U.S. Army units are training to take over and run cities.

As part of the U.S. Army Reserve Combat Readiness Program, an Oklahoma Reserve unit recently took over the entire administration of Oklahoma City and its half-million inhabitants. The 486th Civil Affairs Unit was learning the techniques necessary to take over any American city.

The group's civilian advisor, Donald McCorkell, says "We could administer an entire state, an entire country, if we had to."

He added that any information on possible candidate countries for the group's participation is classified.



CARLOS CASTANEDA & DON JUAN ON RECORD: Writer Carlos Castaneda is putting together a record album of his conversations with his Mexican-Indian psychedelic guru Don Juan. Castaneda has written three best selling books - the most recent being "Journey to Ixtlan" - on his research into the psychedelic and religious effects of desert plants with the help of his guru, Don Juan. Castaneda began his research as a Ph.D. project at the University of California. Three hit books later, Carlos is putting his work onto disc for Warner Brothers. No release date has been announced.

JAWORSKI SAYS NIXON'S GUILTY: Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski, who announced his resignation this week, says that the Watergate trial now in progress in Washington will conclusively prove that former President Nixon was guilty of obstructing of justice.

Jaworski told the Wall Street Journal this week, "The evidence (presented in the trial) will show he's guilty, just as much as a guilty plea." Jaworski called the prosecution's case "The best prepared case I've been associated with."

He also said that Nixon's acceptance of the pardon is a clear sign of guilt. "A pardon," said Jaworski, "isn't just a beautiful document to frame and hang on the wall."

RESISTERS BETTER WITHOUT AMNESTY PLAN: The American Civil Liberties Union has announced it will give free legal aid to all draft resisters and military deserters. Later this month, the ACLU will set up special offices to help draft cases.

The ACLU's main advice for draft-evaders - ignore the president's amnesty program. Says spokesperson Aryeh Neier, "We are warning all exiles that the conditional amnesty program will hurt them more than help them." Neier recently told the New York Times that during the last two years, two thirds of draft cases in court have been dismissed or the defendants acquitted.

AFRICAN JOURNAL

Francis Wakhisi

My father and my mother left the small village Kituni and went to Kaimosi. They left without any money for their fees. They had no letter from their monthly meeting to introduce them to the principal. Anyway, they never knew that they needed it in order to be admitted. When they arrived, they were questioned concerning money for their school fees. All the same, they were admitted in the Bible College. This was in 1953. They were given heavy work in order to meet their school fees. My father was felling trees of the great Kaimosi forest, and tilling the huge mission farm with his hands and a hoe. My mother, went into the villages in the evenings and did some cultivation, so that people could give her some food for them to eat, and she could come back and sell half of what she had to the missionaries and keep the money to buy clothes.

During this period, I was taken to my mothers parents to take care of me. My parents couldn't afford the three of us. My mother had to bring the babysitter from her home to take care of the other two while they went to school or work.

As their time drew near for the completion of their three year Bible course, a tragedy happened to them. One of the conditions of leaving the college was that no student should have any debt in the hospital. The baby-sitter became ill and was taken to the Friends hospital, Kaimosi. She only complained of a headache, but she died after a very short time. My parents had no money to pay for the hospital bill nor take the body home, as it is our custom that we bury people in the yards of their own homes. So what my parents did was to start praying for God to give them the money. They prayed and mourned the whole night. They couldn't leave the college unless they paid the bill, the body was to be taken home. They continued praying and God surely heard their prayers. Someone came with the money which was donated by a Sunday school in the United States. My parents never

knew anyone in the States, and never had written to anyone in the states. But the money came, under their name, and at the correct time. "God is never late." They paid their expenses and took the body home for burial.

Back at home, my father was employed as a pastor and he preached among people that have never heard the word of God. He walked many miles a day to meet the needs of people, he preached among the Elgon Masai, the hostile Suk (now called Pokot). He climbed hills and mountains to meet these people. My mother started teaching again at a village school called Kituni Full Primary School.

I was still at my grandparents (my mother's) home. My work was to take cattle out for grazing. The most interesting thing we used to do was to make bulls fight. I remember one day my bull broke the horns of the opponents bull. We used to fight and wrestle the whole day. I come home with bruises all over my body, every night. My left foot used to give me a lot of pain in the evenings, even though I would run on it all the following day. To this day, I have bad scars from those days of rough games!

My experiences at school didn't seem any less painful. My Grandfather was my teacher, and he had a habit of beating me with a ruler! At times, I would run away from class. My Grandfather would send the rest of the class to chase me, and I would often run up a tree, carrying a thorn branch to hit students who pursued me. I was eventually brought down by rocks thrown at me!

Later, I developed a bad case of whooping cough. I was in bed for the whole first term of my standard (grade) two. I was always clever, and led my class (due to my grandfathers' beatings). One time, when I was taking my examination, the class thought that I would not do well, because of my long absence with whooping cough. I did well, and that annoyed one boy very much. He swung a bag at me, but in it was a glass bottle.

The cut was very deep, and the way to the hospital, I was dipping in a creek to try and cool my body and reduce the bleeding. I soon recovered, and went back to school after this. But then, I faced another problem.
(to be continued in next issue)



Francis Wakhisi, author of the African Journal, a story of his life, in the telling tradition of the African people.

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by Raymond Willis

As George Fox College prepares for its third week of school, there seems to be an enthusiastic and congenial attitude with both the faculty and students. There appears to be a progressive trend towards establishing communication between blacks and whites. This is evident through the students' reactions and comments. Some such reactions and comments are as follows:

BRAD SMITH - The interaction between black and white students seems very positive. Most of the black students seem happy, but inwardly I feel that perhaps there is a sense of uneasiness. I think that it is very hard for a black to come into an environment like this, but it is even harder for a non-Christian black to adjust because he has to fit into a certain mold. Communication is a very hard thing to do especially by the whites because there is that fear that they may say something to offend the black student. If each student tries to be real and sincere in their efforts then a lot can be accomplished. As far as a BSU is concerned, it would be good. A lot of whites view the BSU as a black power group - very radical, when they do not even know what black power means. I feel that the blacks on this campus are very sincere because if they weren't they wouldn't be here.

The 1974-75 ASGFC budget passed the Executive Council on Tuesday, October 15. The Executive Council approved the budget exactly as proposed by the Finance Committee except in the case of the Crescent, where \$200 was transferred from miscellaneous to the Crescent's budget.

The Executive Council also heard Gary Lewis give a proposal for a campus radio station at George Fox College. The campus radio group already has much of the equipment it needs. The major item Gary was asking for was the support of the ASGFC behind him when he goes to the Administration and asks for its support and approval. The Executive Council gave initial approval to the project of developing a campus radio station.

The Senate met on Friday, October 18 to discuss the budget. Although there was widespread questioning of the raising of most of the honorariums over last year's levels, a motion to return them to last year's level failed, four votes to five. Then the ASGFC budget was approved unanimously by the Senate without amendment.

ELIZABETH HEYMAN - The interaction seems very positive. I have not received any hostilities as of yet from other students. I feel that more awareness should be made of how to interact with both black and white perhaps through some type of program. The faculty seems very cool (if only they would stop giving out so much homework). It's alright, it's just a matter of adjusting and not every black will be able to make such an adjustment.

ROBBIE ARMSTRONG - I don't feel that a big deal should be made about the situation. The reason being is that it's a matter of overcoming the fear of one another. A lot of the white students have trouble communicating because they fear they may not relate on the same subjects. Intime, however, these weaknesses can be overcome.

LAUNI MANLEY - So far the communications I have noticed have been very positive. However, the negative comments that I have heard were from students who did not attend the black experience week and came out of ignorance. Another emphasis week

concerning the black and white awareness should be held.

LINDA BAGLEY - Some people here seem for real, some don't. I came to GFC because it was a Christian College and I wanted to learn more about the Bible. I would like to see a BSU established because it would help the blacks have a sense of organization. And with only a few of us we can help each other with different problems that may develop.

TOMMY COZENS - I feel that by having more blacks on campus it has helped the total outlook of the college. Also, it will help those students who may not have had any exposure to blacks in the past. This would help educate us in dealing with all ethnic groups.

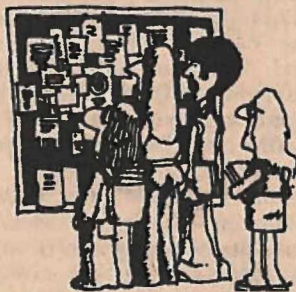
CONNIE VARCE - I see a progressive situation between the black and white students although there still exists the old trite attitudes. (For Example: Blacks getting together to organize against whites.) This may come out of a sense of fear and ignorance and those feeling this way were not present at the Black Experience Week.

cedures and outdated or inadequate procedures having to do with attendance, finances and organizations. Members were to have written proposals turned in at the next meeting held Thursday, October 24.

Freshman class elections were held Friday, October 18, with a runoff held on Monday, October 21. Here are the results: President: Monte Anders; V. President: Keith Lamm; Secretary: Heidi LaRosa; Treasurer: Meg DeLap

Student Government Information

Ron Mock



The Supreme Court met on Thursday, October 10, to discuss ideas and proposals that arose during the summer concerning campus government problems and their solutions. A universal concern was the composition of the constitution (in that it is pretty disorganized). Also brought up were problems with class election pro-

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1974-75 A.S.G.F.C. Budget

Breakdown	Last Year's Budget	This Year's Budget
Class Dues	1,257	1,260
SUB	13,827	12,808
Darkroom	250	450
Student Pictures	500	840
Student Handbook	400	450
Bruin	125	150
Bulletins	200	175
Publicity	80	60
Cultural Events	1,000	1,000
Rally Uniforms	400	500
Rally Transportation	400	700
Intramurals	300	450
Missions Conference	600	500
Activities	2,500	4,500
Honorariums:		
President	240	200
Vice President	120	200
Secretary	120	200
Treasurer	120	200
Crescent Ed.	200	200
L'Ami Ed.	200	200
SUB Chairman	120	200
Publicity	50	100
Community Rel.		100
Activities	120	200
SUP C.J.		100
Publications	50	100
Miscellaneous		
L'Ami 1975	3,352	3,375
Crescent	1,800	2,300
Office Expense	200	250
Awards	50	45
SCU	500	750
Convention		500
Athletic Fees		1,000
Misc. Fund	2,344	1,750
Student Fees Total Last Year	31,425	
Student Fees Total This Year		35,700

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RA Viewpoints

"Be Yourself, Who's Better Qualified?"

"Hello Peggy."

"Hello. Who are you? Where are you? What are you?"

"You mean you really don't know who I am? I've lived with you in you and by you and . . . you can't be serious!"

"Knock off the games will you. Who are you?"

"I guess it is true. You really don't know me. That is really amazing."

"Okay, okay. Now that we have settled that, why don't you answer the question! Who are you?"

"Let me introduce myself. I'm your 'self.'"

"You're my 'self.' You've got to be kidding me. After 21 years I still don't know you or recognize you. What's the deal?"

"Okay I'll lay it on the line kid. It's simply this 'Be yourself! Who's better qualified?'"

Many times I find myself participating in the above script and that is why I want to share with you the following thoughts about your "self," my "self," and our "selves" from the context of experience, the Bible and reality.

Deep inside each of us lies a personality called the "self." At times we are surprised by its ideas, actions and reactions. It is at these times I question my total being. Who am I? Where am I? What am I? These are easy enough questions to answer if you look at them from the perspective of the military. You must only give your name, rank and serial number. Too many of us look only that deep into what we are or what we could be.

Like the man in James 1:23, 24

we look at ourselves in a mirror and forget what we look like, because we have not caught a true glimpse of who, what, or why we are.

Working this summer at a Migrant Day Care Center I discovered a truth that will follow me the rest of my life. If you want to know the truth about yourself and how you come across to other people all you need to do is ask a young child. They are honest, genuine and usually right on target. Watching the children play with each other I noticed conflict after conflict where "self" was being asserted. When the children were fighting with each other or discipline they were not afraid to tell you right then and there what they thought of you. They came at it honestly and aggressively by saying, "I don't like you," or "I don't want to play with you." They were totally honest and sincere. Not more than five or ten minutes would pass and they were best friends again. The fighting is not my point. The message is in the form of interaction used in the argument. Confrontation-confrontation with each other and our own "selves" in sincerity and openness is what leads to the knowledge of who, what, and why we are.

Looking at our "selves" from the spiritual plane we must join the Psalmist David in his search for his Self." (Psalm 139:1-6; 23, 24) God knows me intimately because He has searched me. According to the New American Standard Bible God has scrutinized my path and He knows my thoughts. If we admit this to ourselves some of us should be getting a little red-faced and our temperature will be above the comfortable range. As you read further into Psalm 139 one starts to feel trapped. The Bible says, "Thou dost know it all Thou hast enclosed me behind and before and laid Thy hand upon me." To know God then is a step to learning to know your "self." Further evidence of God's knowledge about us can be found in Psalm 44:21; 26:2; Jeremiah 12:3; 11:20; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; Hebrews 4:13. In learning about the "self" one must be sincere when he asks God to search his heart. God believes us and takes us literally when we ask Him to search us. Be prepared when God takes

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INTRAMURALS OPEN!

by Nick Seeney

The 1974-75 Intramural Program got underway on Tuesday evening, Oct. 8, with a turnout of approximately 75 in Hester gymnasium. This year's student directors, Dell Dittus and Kathy Schatz, outlined the program and planned activities for the year, and then turned the crowd loose for recreation refreshments at the end of the session.

This year's first activity, flag football, has already had a rousing start, and, with a few clarifications of rules and regulations, promises to be an exciting Saturday for most of fall term. Also in the planning is an intramural cross country meet, a three man basketball league, and co-educational volleyball competition.

Winter term brings the rain, and with the rain comes indoor activities. Five-man basketball is planned again this year, although it isn't decided yet whether it will be on week nights or Saturdays. Recreational games will also be offered, which include such activities as table tennis, billiards, aerial darts, and the like. There is a good possibility of either a checkers or chess tournament, or both. Co-educational badminton will be offered towards the end of the term, and at least two open swim nights will be held at the pool, with a swim meet a possibility if enough interest is shown. Again this year there is a bowling league, which by the way is the only activity which will cost you money.

Pray for sunshine during the spring term, because all activities will be held outdoors. The tennis tournament went over big last year and will again be offered. Co-ed softball will make its debut this year, as well as a track and field meet and possibly an archery tournament.

Teams are formed by living areas of the college, unless do-educational or otherwise specified. An intramural bulletin board is located in the SUB and will contain all information and sign-up sheets for a particular activity or the program in general. We hope to provide a program which will meet the needs and desires of the entire student body. Please feel free to ask any questions or direct any comments and suggestions to Dell Dittis, Box 248, or Kathy Schatz, Box 349.

SPORTS

Curt Ankeny, a popular name around Bruin cross country, has taken a new role this year as coach. His team is densely populated with freshmen, but so far the young Bruin squad has been making a reputable reputation for themselves. To date the Bruins have posted a 2-0 record in dual meets, and finished a high third in a meet at Pierce Park.

Mark Adamson paced the Bruins as they put away Eastern Oregon College in the opening meet at Cham-poeg Park. Dave Hamilton and Cliff McCurdy followed Adamson to give the Bruins a strong 1-2-3 finish.

On October 15, the Bruins trekked on over the Forest Grove to challenge Pacific College in a practice meet. Again the young Bruin team won. Mark Adamson, Cliff McCurdy, and Darcy Staples topped all Bruin runners, finishing 2-3-4 in the meet.

Cross Country is an exciting sport with a lot of work behind it. It would be worth everyone's time to watch a meet and cheer the team on. The team would greatly appreciate it, as nothing lifts the spirits of a runner in the middle of a 5-mile grid than to hear someone cheering for him.



John Koroma faces opponent in George Fox Soccer action.

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The Future of Christian Fiction

"Christian Fiction will never be accepted in evangelical circles," stated James Johnson during an address entitled, ironically, Christian Fiction Rides Again. "Fiction is considered a lie, and therefore not within the useful resources of Christians." The question Johnson puts before evangelicals is, simply, "Does fiction have a place in communicating truth to mankind?" In stating his emphatic 'Yes,' Johnson warned the aspiring novelist of the frustrating task of writing for both the Secular and Christian audience. The point being, how do you communicate, avoiding censure from Christian peers, yet be honest... honesty being required for true art. "How do you kiss a woman passionately on the forehead?" He asks, illustrating the tension of Evangelical censure. Honesty, indeed, is the prime issues facing the young Christian novelist.

Yet, James Johnson seems encouraged for the future of Christian fiction. "The Oyster would never create Pearls, if it was not irritated!" If you, as a writer, are prepared

to work with God, "He is prepared to work with you." Fiction must be first a recognition of pain, and also a facing of it, which is not accepted in "evangelical" circles. Johnson listed some factors that may be helpful to the young Christian writer:

1. There are great possibilities for Christian fiction. God can purify motivations, but whatever motivation you have, use it as a compulsion to begin and maintain writing. Don't worry about why you are writing... God will use you.

2. Obey the sense of compulsion, do not be afraid of a cause!

3. Watch the disciplines of time. Maintain your priorities, and maintain your hours that are set aside for writing.

4. Be cool with critics. Do not be discouraged to the point of quitting!!! be cool with critics.

5. You are not going to get rich. Do not write to pay bills, because you won't!

With dedication, and indeed courage, Christian fiction will become. And that is a beautiful goal. "Art is the signature of Man."

READ!

The Christian College Consortium is a group of twelve Christian colleges across the United States. Those colleges that presently make up the Consortium are Bethal College in St. Paul, Minn.; Eastern Mennonite College in Harrisonburg, Virginia; Gordon College in Wenham, Mass.; Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois; Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y.; Malone College in Canton, Ohio; Messiah College in Grantham, PA.; Seattle Pacific in Seattle; Taylor University in Upland Indiana; Westmont College in Santa Barbara; Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois; (whew). You all remember Dr. Werkema, at Convocation? He is the President of the Consortium.

The point of all this is to let you know that this Consortium exists. They are also the ones behind that paper you never read called "Universities." Now that you have been properly introduced, you may proceed to the next article, "Editors attend Wheaton Conference".

Editors Attend Wheaton Conference

Daniel Smith and Bruce Timmons, editors of the George Fox Student Journal, attended the 19th Annual Wheaton Conference on Writing and Literature a week ago, held at Wheaton College, Illinois. Upon invitation of the Christian College Consortium, the twelve member colleges sent two delegates to represent Student publications. In most cases, the newspaper editors and a staff member, were the delegates. This year the conference featured many speakers in the field of Journalism. Among these were Casey Banas, Associate Editor of the Chicago Tribune, Harold Myra, Editor of Campus Life Magazine, and Forrest Boyd, Washington correspondent for Mutual Broadcasting Corporation. Also discussing subjects like Christian Fiction were authors James Johnson (Code Name: Sebastian), and poet, Elva McAllaster.

The gathered group of editors discussed some subjects of interest to students. The 12 college papers agreed to allow all colleges the option to reprint articles appearing in the other papers. This means we will be hearing more about our brothers and sisters on Christian campus- (Continued on Next Page)



The 19th Annual Wheaton Conference on Writing and Literature was held on the Beautiful Wheaton College campus. Shown is the chapel.

are coffee houses still "in"?



a report
from jamie martin

The question has been brought up, "Are coffee houses still in, or are they obsolete?" I will do my best to answer this question, having spent many weekends in the past three years singing in them.

A little bit about their past. About three years ago there were two coffee houses started in Albany, Oregon. "The Eleventh Hour" was primarily a music ministry coffee house while "The New Wine" was a quiet sort of atmosphere where you could fellowship and meet new people. The main ministry of coffee houses then and even now is to spread the Word of God in whatever fashion fits that

particular area. To some its through music, some through street witnessing, just bringing in people off the streets to meet Jesus, some are for fellowship, getting to know one another as brothers and sisters. For instance, Friday, the 18th, a few brothers and I sang at a place which you couldn't classify as a coffee house, but it was a place for Christians to meet after a football game. A place where you could even bring your Non-Christian friends and let them experience the warmth of Christian love. It was an altogether different set up and it was still very effective.

There is a well-known coffeehouse in Portland known as the "Prince of Peace." Jim Stanhope and I have had the pleasure and blessing many times of singing there, so I've decided to give a little background from this particular one. It was started in 1969 and is still going strong in 1974. It is by far the most successful of all the coffee houses in our area. When asked the purpose of the coffee house the director, Willard Cromwell commented, "It was mostly formed to preach the gospel and save those with dope and drug backgrounds who wouldn't normally step into a church." In regard to its effectiveness, Cromwell had this to say; "The Lord is with us and we let his spirit lead." He went on to say that there are many people who have to come to know the Lord through the coffee house ministry. I myself have noticed the effect of this and many other coffee houses on Non-Christians even today. So are they still in? I would say yes, and I am all for supporting them as they continue to be effective.

es all across the nation, with the unique opportunity for exchange and dialogue. We also discussed the possibility of a Consortium Literature Book compiled and published by the students in all 12 colleges, a single book containing contributions from all. Students will want to be aware of the continued opportunities open to them through George Fox College's membership and participation in the Christian College Consortium. Now then, we also discussed the future of Universitas, the Consortium paper. It will begin to drop the faculty essays, and focus on students, and take a look at it next time it appears in the boxes. The Crescent will be featuring more info from the Consortium that you won't want to miss out on.



Editors Daniel Smith and Bruce Timmons, spending their time that the Consortium paid for, most wisely.




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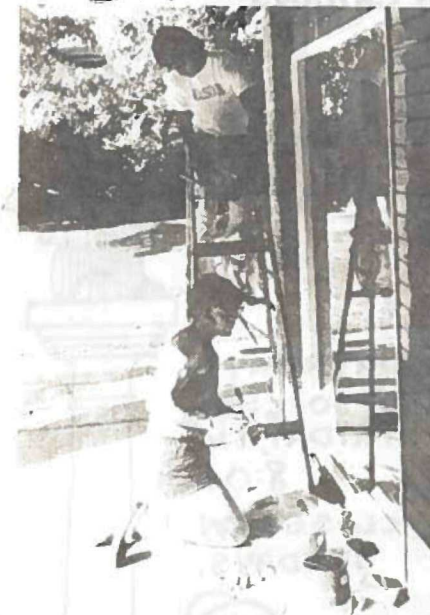
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Pennington One guys hosting the annual Pennington One Banquet at George Fox, the Cap and Gown room.

ON CAMPUS



Frosh Clean up Day was a real asset to George Fox College, where previously unnoticed spots become beautifully redecorated (its about time . . .)

by Dan Berggren

For the past several weeks I've been bumping into numbers of excited, happy freshmen who are tickled to death that God sent them to George Fox College. Being around their cheerful little smiles has brought me back a few memories.

I first heard about GFC at (of all places) Disneyland. I went to a banquet there sponsored by Fox for the Friends churches in Southern California. The schools' program for the evening turned out rather well, and the food was good, so I settled back, listened, ate, and enjoyed myself. But I left Disneyland that night with the firm conviction that I would never end up at a place like Fox. I considered myself pretty well off, and not in a hurry to get myself to a college. Besides that, I could tell that Fox was probably some rinky-dink, loser-type of school way out in the back boonies of Oregon anyway, so why be bothered? And all of the stuff they said about Oregon? Why - they still have Indians in Oregon. Forget it.

And so, gentle readers, I filed GFC away among the other debris at the back of my mind. I had at least five good, solid reasons for forgetting that the place existed, and it usually only takes one to turn me off about something. Fifteen years in L.A., and with three spent in the middle of the Jesus Movement, turned me into a bit of a skeptic about certain things, Christian colleges being among them, and I had decided that Fox was a hole in the wall. I wasn't interested. Period.

The thing of it all, was that God was interested. Mighty interested. I wasn't a teenager anymore, and I was taking it pretty easy living with my folks. I knew the rules, they didn't hassle me, (much), and I thought I had things worked out pretty good. But God didn't like that. Mind you, I paid my own way and didn't put a strain on my parents, but I wasn't getting anywhere, or growing towards anything. Jesus wanted much more for me than I was getting at home, and He started laying it heavily on me to start getting out on my own and finding something worthwhile to do.

Well, as you can imagine, I hardly accepted any of these little promptings from the Spirit graciously. True, God is God, and I am me, and I

should have known better than to ignore the pull in his direction and go on with business as usual, but I didn't know yet that it could be dangerous to argue with what the Lord is trying to tell me. At the very least, you can lose out on the best of God's will for you; at worst, you can get yourself into some pretty hot water.

The wrestling match lasted for several months. It isn't worth retelling here, except to say that I became increasingly aware that I was in the grip of somebody stronger than me. Every obstacle I raised was smoothly, easily disposed of; finances were worked out with a minimum of red tape, transcripts (of less than sterling grades) were quickly processed, and support came to me in every area I needed. God was taking very good care of me. I knew it, and was getting more frustrated by the minute. All I could see ahead of me was four years at a backwater school with a



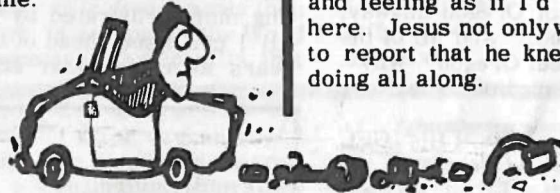
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be original! Take time to get acquainted with your "self." Not only will your "self" surprise you, but the world around you. Next time "self" comes around do not be surprised but introduce him to others and share him with all who are searching. That is when progress begins. People start realizing that within each individual lies genuine love, courage, and faith in others. They too, will begin to strive to discover the world of "self" that lies like the Island of Atlantis lost in the deep waters of neglect and time.



guessed that he thought it was the best place for me to be.

The first week I was on campus, I learned that George Fox College is ranked among the top 15 christian colleges in the United States. It is a distinguished private school, with a fascinating history and a high degree of academic approval. From graduate schools, a growing curriculum, and one heck of a righteous basketball team. It is not a hole in the wall. After my first week here, I wandered around the campus smiling cheerfully and feeling as if I'd been born to go here. Jesus not only won, I'm pleased to report that he knew what he was doing all along.

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